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SUBJECT: TTBT PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RETENTION OF EQUIPMENT POST-
EXPLOSION TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE ,9 66

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS RATIONALE THAT CAN BE USED WITH SOVIETS TO SUPPORT NOT ALLOWING PARTY CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION TO RETAIN RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR PERIOD OF TIME AFTER DATA RECORDING. REASONING GIVEN IN PARA 4 OF STATE 37571 AND PARA 8 OF STATE 38730, IF USED WITH SOVIETS, WE BELIEVE COULD -- AND PROBABLY WOULD-- BE USED AGAINST US BY SOVIETS TO SUPPORT THEIR DEMAND FOR POST-SHOT EXAMINATION. IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS US ADVANCED REASON THAT POSSESSION OF EQUIPMENT BY VERIFYING SIDE IN SAME CONDITION IT WAS IN AT TIME OF EXPLOSION WOULD ASSIST IN UNDERSTANDING ANY SPURIOUS OR AMBIGUOUS RECORDED DATA.

2. DELEGATION SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING APPROACH AS POSSIBLE WAY TO SOLVE PRESENT IMPASSE OVER DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT POST -SHOT:

(A) ALL DATA TO BE RECORDED ON TWO RECORDER
UNITS OF SAME DESIGN;

(B) AFTER EXPLOSION AND AFTER ALL DATA HAS
BEEN RECORDED BUT BEFORE DATA HAS BEEN EXAMINED, ONE OF
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REXORDING UNITS IS SELECTED, EITHER BY CHANCE OR BY HOST,

TO BE TURNED OVER TO HOST FOR 30-DAY PERIOD;

(C) COPIES OF ALL DATA ARE MADE AND PROVIDED TO BOTH SIDES;

(D) RECORDING UNIT NOT CHOSEN IN (B) IS TURNED OVER TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR RETURN HOME;

(E) OTHER PORTIONS OF EQUIPMENT IN A TRAILER BESIDES RECORDER UNITS WOULD PREFERABLY BE TURNED OVER TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, BUT COULD, ALTERNATIVELY, BE PROVIDED TO HOST FOR 30-DAY PERIOD TOGETHER WITH ONE RECORDING UNIT.

3. PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 SHOULD MEET DESIRE STATED IN STATE 37571 AND 38730 THAT US BE ABLE TO INSPECT AND REPLY DATA ON ACTUAL EQUIPMENT USED TO RECORD DATA AND MAY MEET SOVIET DESIRES TO INSPECT RECORDING EQUIPMENT TO LOOK FOR HIDDEN MEMORY DEVICES BY PROVIDING THEM 50-50 CHANCE.

4. DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS PROCEDURE SUGGESTED PARA 2 WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH PRESENT EQUIPMENT SETS, SINCE BOTH PRESENTLY INCLUDE TWO TAPE RECORDERS. IN CONTEXT OF THIS EQUIPMENT, INTENT IN PARA 2 IS THAT ONLY TAPE RECORDERS AND ASSOCIATED SIGNAL CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO HOST, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, SENT HOME BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE, AT LEAST ON PARA 1, BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FEB 20 MOSCOW TIME.
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